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SUBJECT: MURDER OF ROC NATIONAL IN LOS ANGELES

REF: TAIPEI 6370

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM FBI IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. QUOTE - UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALSO KNOWN AS WAH CHING; ROAN RAO-SHAN - VICTIM, KILLING AT BILTMORE HOTEL, 515 SOUTH OLIVE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 12, 1974.

3. INVESTIGATOR KENT MC DONALD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD), ADVISED OCTOBER 16, 1974, THAT AT 10:40 PM, OCTOBER 12, 1974, A BRAWL TOOK PLACE AT THE BILTMORE HOTEL, 515 SOUTH OLIVE ST., LOS ANGELES, WHERE ABOUT 300 ETHNIC CHINESE, INCLUDING CHANG PING-NAN, CTC 1728/3521/0589, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC)IN LOS ANGELES, WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT A FUND

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RAISING DANCE FOR CHINESE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION OF

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, A PRO-ROC STUDENT ORGANIZATION.
BRAWL COMMENCED WHEN ABOUT 12 MEMBERS OF WAH CHING, A CHIN
ESE YOUTH GANG, ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO DANCE AND
WERE CHALLENGED AT DOOR TO PROVIDE TICKETS. FOUR PEOPLE
IN ATTENDANCE WERE WOUNDED AND ROAN RAO-SHAN, AGE 29,
AN ROC NAVAL OFFICER AND STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, DIED OF KNIFE WOUNDS.
4. MC DONALD ADVISED THAT JUST PRIOR TO INCIDENT,
MANAGER, BILTMORE HOTEL, RECIEVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE
CALL FROM ORIENTAL BARTENDER SAYING A NUMBER OF CHINESE
YOUTHS WERE IN HIS BAR IN CHINATOWN DRINKING AND BOAST-
ING THEY WERE GOING TO BOMB THE GALLERIA ROOM OF BILT-
MORE HOTEL, LOCATION OF AFOREMENTIONED DANCE. MANAGER
CALLED LAPD AND ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT SCENE, BRAWL WAS
ALREADY IN PROGRESS.

5. MC DONALD ADVISED TWO WAH CHING MEMBERS WERE
APPREHENDED AT SCENE BY SECURITY GUARD. THEY WERE
TONY LAU, BORN MARCH 22, 1958, HONG KONG, 2347 HARWOOD
ST., LOS ANGELES, AND TAT FU WONG, BORN APRIL 15,
1954, HONG KONG, 839 CENTENNIAL.

6. SUBSEQUENTLY, WHEN THE FOUR WOUNDED COULD NOT EFFECT
IDENTIFICATION OF WONG AND LAU AS INVOLVED IN STABBING,
THEY WERE ORDERED RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE.
MC DONALD NOTED ROOM WHERE BRAWL TOOK PLACE WAS VERY
DIMLY LIGHTED.

7. MC DONALD ADVISED LAPD HAS NO PRIOR RECORD RE
LAU. WONG, AS A JUVENILE, WAS ONCE ARRESTED IN CON-
NECTION WITH A FATAL STABBING IN A LOS ANGELES THEATER
AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE.

8. A SOURCE, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH WAH CHING ACTIVI-
TIES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, ADVISED ALL INFORMATION
HE HAS INDICATES THIS INCIDENT HAS NO RELATIONSHIP TO
ANY EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (PRC) OR EXTREMIST GROUPS ORIENTED TOWARDS THE
PRC TO INTIMIDATE OR HARASS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ROC.
HE CONSIDERS IT AN ISOLATED INCIDENT TYPICAL OF PRIOR
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WAH CHING BRAWLS.

9. ADDITIONALLY, NO INFORMATION TO DATE HAS COME TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI
INDICATING ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WAH CHING AND THE
PRC OR EXTREMIST GROUPS ORIENTED TOWARDS THE PRC.
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